## **RESOLUTION NO. 2021/22-06**

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE SAVANNA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT IS RECOMMENDING THAT THE ORANGE COUNTY COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL DISTRICT ORGANIZATION APPROVE AND ESTABLISH TRUSTEE AREAS FROM WHICH THE SAVANNA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT TRUSTEES WILL BE ELECTED IN A BY-TRUSTEE AREA ELECTION PROCESS

WHEREAS, The Savanna Elementary School District ("District") currently uses an at-large system of electing members of its Board of Education; and

WHEREAS, At-large electoral systems such as the District's are subject to challenge under the California Voting Rights Act of 2001, codified at sections 14025 - 14032 of the California Elections Code ("CVRA"); and

WHEREAS, By-trustee area electoral systems are not vulnerable to challenge under the CVRA; and

WHEREAS, In a by-trustee area system of election, candidates for the District's Board of Education (the "Board") must reside within a specific geographic subarea of the District called a "trustee area" and candidates are elected only by the voters of that trustee area; and

WHEREAS, One method of transitioning from an at-large electoral system to a by trustee area electoral system is for the school district Board of Education to petition the local County Committee on School District Organization by resolution to initiate the transition under California Education Code section 5019(c)(1); and

WHEREAS, the Orange County Committee on School District Organization ("Committee") has indicated that it will initiate this process on behalf of the District at the District's request, and will consider any recommendation on specific trustee areas made by the District; and

WHEREAS, District held two public hearings on November 16, 2021 and December 14, 2021 to receive public input on drafting trustee area map plans ("Plans") and thereafter, District consultants created four (4) draft map plans that were circulated for public review at community forums held December 20, 2021, and December 22, 2021; and online on the District's website; and

WHEREAS, Pursuant to Elections Code section 10010, the District held properly noticed public hearings regarding the proposed trustee area plans on January 11, 2022 and February 8, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the Board has considered all public input and comment on the Plans; and

WHEREAS, the Board has adopted Plan 3 and hereby recommends Plan 3 to the Committee for its consideration based upon the findings, analysis and recommendations contained in the report attached hereto and incorporated herein as Exhibit "A"; and

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Savanna Elementary School District Board of Education as follows:

- 1. That the above recitals are true and correct.
- That the Board has adopted Plan \_\_\_\_\_ and recommends Plan \_\_\_\_\_ to the Committee for consideration and adoption.
- That the Superintendent and/or her designee take all actions necessary to notify the Committee of the Board's determination forthwith and provide whatever assistance may be required by the Committee to complete the process.

ADOPTED, SIGNED AND APPROVED this 8th day of February 2022. President of the Board of Education of the Savanna Elementary School District I, Linda Weinstock, Clerk of the Board of Education of the Savanna Elementary School District, do hereby

NOES: \_\_\_\_

certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Board of Education of said District at a meeting of said Board held on the 8th day of February 2022, and that it was so adopted by the following vote: AYES: 5

Clerk of the Board of Education of the

ABSTAIN: \_\_\_\_\_

ABSENT:

Savanna Elementary School District

## **SAVANNA SCHOOL DISTRICT**

## APPROVED TRUSTEE AREAS



